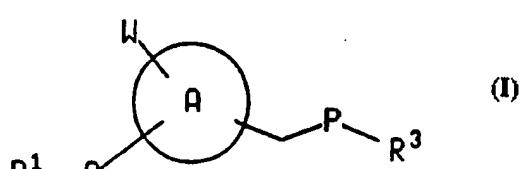


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(57) Abstract			
<p>The present invention relates to novel heteroaryl amino and heteroaryl sulfonamido substituted 3-benzylaminomethyl piperidines and, specifically, to compounds of formula (I), wherein W, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, P and A are as defined in the specification, and to intermediates used in the synthesis of such compounds. The novel compounds of formula (I) are useful in the treatment of inflammatory and central nervous system disorders, as well as other disorders.</p>			
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5       HETEROARYLAMINO AND HETEROARYLSULFONAMIDO SUBSTITUTED  
3-BENZYLAMINOMETHYL PIPERIDINES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to novel heteroarylarnino and heteroarylsulfonamido substituted 3-benzylaminomethyl-  
10 piperidines substituted benzylarnino nitrogen containing non-aromatic heterocycles, pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds and the use of such compounds in the treatment and prevention of inflammatory and central nervous system disorders, as well as several other  
15 disorders. The pharmaceutically active compounds of this invention are substance P receptor antagonists. This invention also relates to novel intermediates used in the synthesis of such substance P receptor antagonists.

Substance P is a naturally occurring undecapeptide belonging to the tachykinin family of peptides, the latter being named because of their prompt stimulatory action on smooth muscle tissue. More specifically, substance P is a pharmacologically active neuropeptide that is produced in mammals and possesses a characteristic amino acid sequence  
25 that is illustrated by D. F. Veber *et al.* in U.S. Patent No. 4,680,283. The wide involvement of substance P and other tachykinins in the pathophysiology of numerous diseases has been amply demonstrated in the art. For instance, substance P has been shown to be involved in the transmission of pain  
30 or migraine (see B.E.B. Sandberg *et al.*, Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 25, 1009 (1982)), as well as in central nervous system disorders such as anxiety and schizophrenia, in respiratory and inflammatory diseases such as asthma and rheumatoid arthritis, respectively, in rheumatic diseases  
35 such as fibrositis, and in gastrointestinal disorders and diseases of the GI tract such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, etc. (see D. Regoli in "Trends in Cluster Headache," edited by F. Sicuteli *et al.*, Elsevier Scientific Publishers, Amsterdam, pp. 85-95 (1987)).  
40       Quinuclidine, piperidine, and azanorbornane derivatives and related compounds that exhibit activity as substance P

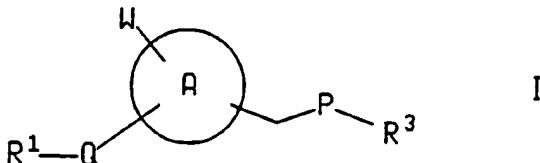
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receptor antagonists are referred to in United States Patent Application 566,338 filed November 20, 1989, United States Patent Application 724,268, filed July 1, 1991, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 91/02853, filed April 25, 1991, PCT 5 Patent Application PCT/US 91/03369, filed May 14, 1991, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 91/05776, filed August 20, 1991, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/00113, filed January 17, 1992, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/03571, filed May 5, 1992, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/03317, filed April 10 28, 1992, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/04697, filed June 11, 1992, United States Patent Application 766,488, filed September 26, 1991, United States Patent Application 790,934, filed November 12, 1991, PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/04002, filed May 19, 1992, Japanese Patent 15 Application No. 065337/92, filed March 23, 1992, and United States Patent Application 932,392, filed August 19, 1992.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to compounds of the formula

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25 wherein ring A is an aryl group selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thiaryl, dihydroquinolinyl and indolinyl, and wherein the  $-\text{CH}_2\text{PR}^3$  sidechain is attached to a carbon atom of ring A;

30                    P is NR<sup>2</sup>, O, S, SO or SO<sub>2</sub>;

                  Q is SO<sub>2</sub>, NH,  $-\text{N}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$  or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl-N-SO}_2^-$

35 wherein the point of attachment of said  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl-N-SO}_2^-$  to ring A is the nitrogen atom and the point of attachment to R<sup>1</sup> is the sulfur atom;

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W is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, S-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkyl, halo or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

R<sup>1</sup> is a four to six membered heterocyclic ring containing from one to three heteroatoms selected from sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen (e.g., thiazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiienyl, triazolyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl or imidazolyl), wherein said heterocyclic ring may optionally be substituted with from one to three substituents, preferably with from zero to two substituents, independently selected from phenyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and halo;

15 R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or -CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl;  
R<sup>3</sup> is selected from

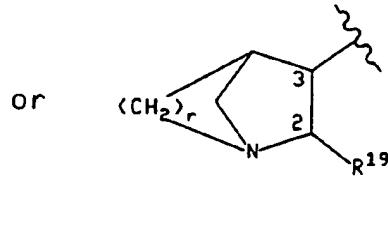
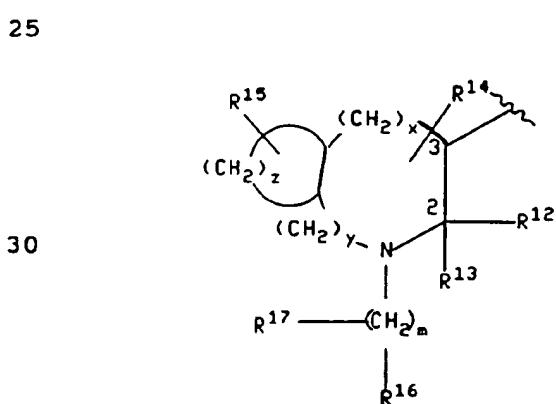
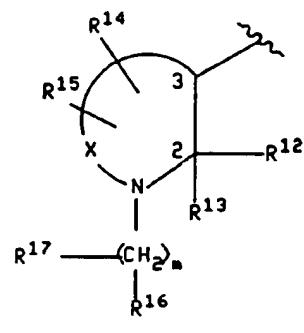
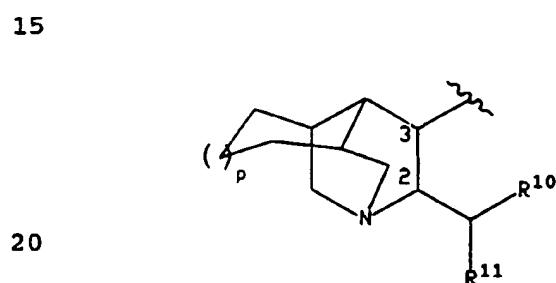
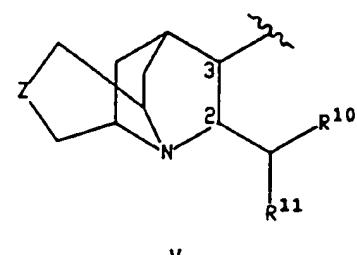
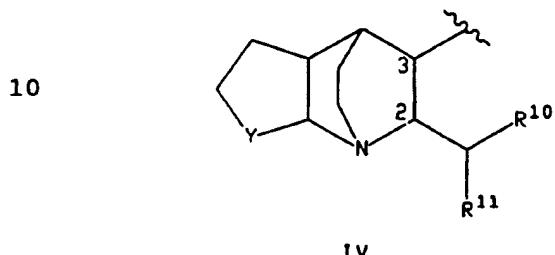
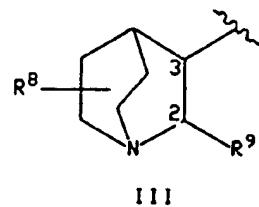
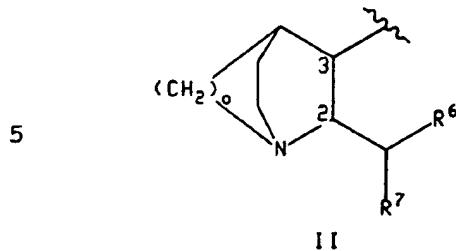
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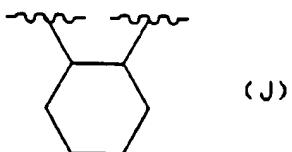
wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are independently selected from furyl, thieryl, pyridyl, indolyl, biphenyl and phenyl, wherein said phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl 5 optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, carboxy, benzyloxycarbonyl and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy-carbonyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) branched alkyl, (C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) branched alkenyl, (C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl, and the radicals named in the definition of R<sup>6</sup>;

R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are independently selected from phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, benzhydryl, thietyl or furyl, 15 and R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> may optionally be substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

20 Y is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>l</sub>, wherein l is an integer from one to three, or Y is a group of the formula



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Z is oxygen, sulfur, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkylamino or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>, wherein n is zero, one or two;

x is zero, one or two;

30 y is zero, one or two;

z is three, four or five;

o is two or three,

p is zero or one;

r is one, two or three;

35 the ring containing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub> may contain from zero to three double bonds, and one of the carbon atoms of (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub> may optionally be replaced by oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen;

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R<sup>11</sup> is thienyl, biphenyl or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkoxy 5 optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

X is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> wherein q is an integer from 1 to 6, and wherein any one of the carbon-carbon single bonds in said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be replaced by a carbon-carbon double 10 bond; and wherein any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be substituted with R<sup>14</sup>, and wherein any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be substituted with R<sup>15</sup>;

m is an integer from 0 to 8, and any one of the 15 carbon-carbon single bonds of (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>, wherein both carbon atoms of such bond are bonded to each other and to another carbon atom of the (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> chain, may optionally be replaced by a carbon-carbon double bond or a carbon-carbon triple bond, and any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> may 20 optionally be substituted with R<sup>17</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup> is a radical selected from hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) straight or branched alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl wherein one of the carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur; aryl selected from biphenyl, phenyl, indanyl and 25 naphthyl; heteroaryl selected from thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and quinolyl; phenyl-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, benzhydryl and benzyl, wherein the point of attachment on R<sup>12</sup> is a carbon atom unless R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen, and wherein each of said aryl 30 and heteroaryl groups and the phenyl moieties of said benzyl, phenyl-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl and benzhydryl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) 35 alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, amino, hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,

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(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylamino,

$$(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{C}}-, \quad (C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\parallel}{C}}-(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl},$$

$$(C_1-C_6) \text{ alkyl}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{\text{C}}}-\text{O}-, \quad (C_1-C_6) \text{ alkyl}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{\text{C}}}-\text{C}(C_1-C_6) \text{ alkyl}-\text{O}-,$$

15 di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, -CNH- (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,

20  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl-C(=O)-NH-( $C_1-C_6$ )alkyl, -NHCH $\equiv$ O and -NHC(=O)-( $C_1-C_6$ )alkyl; and wherein one of the phenyl moieties of said benzhydryl may optionally be replaced by naphthyl, thienyl, furyl or pyridyl;

R<sup>13</sup> is hydrogen, phenyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

25 or R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup>, together with the carbon to which they  
are attached, form a saturated carbocyclic ring having from  
3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms that is  
neither the point of attachment of the spiro ring nor  
adjacent to such point of attachment may optionally be  
30 replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur:

$R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, oxo (=O), cyano, hydroxy- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino.

35 di- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $-C(=O)-OH$ ,

40  $(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-C=,$   $(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-C=(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl},$

45  $(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)\text{alkyl}-C(=O)-O-$ ,  $(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)\text{alkyl}-C(=O)-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)\text{alkyl}-O-$ ,

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$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}- \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}- \end{array}$ , and the radicals  
 5 set forth in the definition of R<sup>12</sup>;

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}^{16} \text{ is } \text{NHCR}^{18}, \text{ NHCH}_2\text{R}^{18}, \text{ SO}_2\text{R}^{18}, \text{ CO}_2\text{H or one of the} \\ \text{10 radicals set forth in any of the definitions of R}^{12}, \text{ R}^{14} \text{ and} \\ \text{R}^{15}; \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{17} \text{ is oximino (=NOH) or one of the radicals set forth} \\ \text{in any of the definitions of R}^{12}, \text{ R}^{14} \text{ and R}^{15}; \text{ and} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{18} \text{ is } (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl, hydrogen, phenyl or phenyl } (\text{C}_1\text{-} \\ \text{15 C}_6)\text{alkyl;} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{with the proviso that (a) when m is 0, one of R}^{16} \text{ and R}^{17} \\ \text{is absent and the other is hydrogen, (b) when R}^3 \text{ is a group} \\ \text{of the formula VIII, R}^{14} \text{ and R}^{15} \text{ cannot be attached to the} \\ \text{same carbon atom, (c) when R}^{14} \text{ and R}^{15} \text{ are attached to the} \\ \text{20 same carbon atom, then either each of R}^{14} \text{ and R}^{15} \text{ is} \\ \text{independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, } (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl,} \\ \text{hydroxy-} (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl and } (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkoxy-} (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl, or R}^{14} \text{ and} \\ \text{R}^{15}, \text{ together with the carbon to which they are attached,} \\ \text{form a } (\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6) \text{ saturated carbocyclic ring that forms a spiro} \\ \text{25 compound with the nitrogen-containing ring to which they are} \\ \text{attached; (d) when R}^1 \text{ is amino, } (\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkylamino, di-} (\text{C}_1\text{-} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{30 C}_6)\text{alkylamino or NHC}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl, R}^3 \text{ is a group of the formula} \\ \text{II, III, IV, V or VI, and (e) when R}^{14} \text{ or R}^{15} \text{ is attached to} \\ \text{a carbon atom of X or } (\text{CH}_2), \text{ that is adjacent to the ring} \\ \text{nitrogen, then R}^{14} \text{ or R}^{15}, \text{ respectively, must be a substituent} \\ \text{wherein the point of attachment is a carbon atom.} \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{35 The present invention also relates to the} \\ \text{pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition and base salts of} \\ \text{compounds of the formula I. The acids which are used to} \\ \text{prepare the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts} \\ \text{of the aforementioned base compounds of this invention are} \\ \text{40 those which form non-toxic acid addition salts, i.e., salts} \end{array}$

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containing pharmacologically acceptable anions, such as the hydrochloride, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, nitrate, sulfate, bisulfate, phosphate, acid phosphate, acetate, lactate, citrate, acid citrate, tartrate, bitartrate, succinate, 5 maleate, fumarate, gluconate, saccharate, benzoate, methanesulfonate, ethanesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate and pamoate [i.e., 1,1'-methylenebis-(2-hydroxy-3-naphthoate)] salts. The chemical bases which are used as reagents to prepare the pharmaceutically 10 acceptable base salts of this invention are those which form non-toxic base salts with the acidic compounds of formula I. Such non-toxic base salts include those derived from such pharmacologically acceptable cations as sodium, potassium calcium and magnesium, etc.

15 The term "halo", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes chloro, fluoro, bromo and iodo.

The term "alkyl", as used herein, unless otherwise indicated, includes saturated monovalent hydrocarbon radicals having straight, branched or cyclic moieties or 20 combinations thereof.

The term "alkoxy", as used herein, includes O-alkyl groups wherein "alkyl" is defined as above.

The term "one or more substituents," as used herein, includes from one to the maximum number of substituents 25 possible based on the number of available bonding sites.

Preferred compounds of the formula I include those wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring of R<sup>3</sup> are in a cis configuration. When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII or VIII, "a cis 30 configuration," as used herein, means that the non-hydrogen substituent at position "3" is cis to R<sup>12</sup>.

Other preferred compounds of the formula I are those wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula II, III, VII or IX; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen; ring A is phenyl; W is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy optionally 35 substituted with from one to five fluorine atoms; Q is

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$\begin{array}{c} | \\ -\text{SO}_2-\text{N}-\text{(C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{)}\text{alkyl} \end{array}$  and R<sup>1</sup> is 5-thiazolyl.

More preferred compounds of the formula I are the foregoing preferred compounds wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of 5 the formula III and R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero and X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX, r is two and R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl.

Other more preferred compounds of the formula I are 10 those wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl and ring A is phenyl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII wherein R<sup>12</sup> and the substituent at position "3" 15 of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, ring A is phenyl, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, W is methoxy, trifluoromethoxy or isopropoxy, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-, Q is

20  $\begin{array}{c} \text{W} \\ | \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{N}-\text{SO}_2- \end{array}$  or  $\begin{array}{c} \text{W} \\ | \\ [(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}]-\text{N}-\text{SO}_2- \end{array}$  and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolyl; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl, r is two and ring A is phenyl.

25 Especially preferred compounds of this invention are those wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-, ring A is phenyl, W is selected from OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>, 30  $\begin{array}{c} \text{W} \\ | \\ \text{isopropoxy}, \text{OCHF}_2, \text{and OCH}_2\text{CF}_3, \end{array}$  Q is  $\begin{array}{c} \text{W} \\ | \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{N}-\text{SO}_2- \end{array}$  and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolyl.

Specific preferred compounds of the formula I include the following:

35 2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methylamide;

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N-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-N-[4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;  
{5-[(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)methylamino]-2-methoxybenzyl}-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl)amine;

5 {5-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-ylamino)-2-methoxybenzyl}-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamine;  
4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-sulfonic acid methyl-[3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)-4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl]-amide;

10 2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methylamide;  
2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isopropylamide;

15 2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isopropylamide;

20 2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isobutylamide; and  
2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isobutylamide.

25 Examples of other compounds of the formula I are:  
2-trifluoromethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;  
2,4-bis-trifluoromethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

30 oxazole-5-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;  
2,5-dimethylthiazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

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4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

5      thiazole-5-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

10     2,5-dimethylthiazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-trifluoromethoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

15     2,5-dimethylthiazole-4-sulfonic acid {4-isopropoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

20     2,5-dimethylthiazole-4-sulfonic acid {3-[2-benzhydryl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-ylamino)methyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}-methylamide;

25     2,5-dimethylthiazole-4-sulfonic acid {3-[(-2-benzhydryl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-3-ylamino)methyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}-methylamide;

30     thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

35     [1,3,4]thiadiazole-2-sulfonic acid {4-methoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

40     thiophene-2-sulfonic acid {4-isopropoxy-3-[((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamino)methyl]phenyl}-methylamide;

45     [5-(2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonyl)-2-methoxybenzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

50     [5-(2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonyl)-2-isopropoxybenzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

55     [5-(2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonyl)-2-trifluoromethoxybenzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

60     [2-methoxy-5-([1,2,3]thiadiazole-5-sulfonyl)benzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

65     [2-methoxy-5-(pyridine-2-sulfonyl)benzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

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[2-methoxy-5-(pyridine-3-sulfonyl)benzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine;

[2-methoxy-5-(pyrimidine-2-sulfonyl)benzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine; and

5 [2-methoxy-5-(thiophene-2-sulfonyl)benzyl]-[(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl]-amine.

The present invention also relates to compounds of the formulae



wherein ring A, Q, R¹, R³ and W are defined as above and G is  
30 hydrogen. These compounds may be used as intermediates in the synthesis of compounds of the formula I.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a condition selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases (e.g.,  
35 arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease), anxiety, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders such as

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emesis and colitis, psychosis, pain, allergies such as eczema and rhinitis, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina, migraine and Reynaud's disease,  
5 fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis, reflex sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders such as  
10 Alzheimer's disease, AIDS related dementia, diabetic neuropathy and multiple sclerosis, disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatic diseases such as fibrositis in a mammal, including a human, comprising an amount of a  
15 compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in treating or preventing such condition, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The present invention also relates to a method of treating or preventing a condition selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases (e.g., arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease), anxiety, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders such as emesis and colitis, psychosis, pain, allergies such as eczema and rhinitis,  
25 chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina, migraine and Reynaud's disease, fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis, reflex sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, AIDS related dementia, diabetic neuropathy and multiple sclerosis, disorders related to  
30 immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatic diseases such as fibrositis in a mammal, including a human, comprising administering to  
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said mammal an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in treating or preventing such condition.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical 5 composition for antagonizing the effects of substance P in a mammal, including a human, comprising a substance P antagonizing amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10 The present invention also relates to a method of antagonizing the effects of substance P in a mammal, including a human, comprising administering to said mammal a substance P antagonizing amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15 The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a disorder in a mammal, including a human, resulting from an excess of substance P, comprising a substance P antagonizing amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically 20 acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The present invention also relates to a method of 25 treating or preventing a disorder in a mammal, including a human, resulting from an excess of substance P, comprising administering to said mammal a substance P antagonizing amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical 30 composition for treating or preventing a condition selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases (e.g., arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease), anxiety, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders such as emesis and colitis, psychosis, pain, allergies such as 35 eczema and rhinitis, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina, migraine and Reynaud's disease,

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fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis, reflex sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, AIDS related dementia, diabetic neuropathy and multiple sclerosis, disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatic diseases such as fibrositis in a mammal, including a human, comprising an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The present invention also relates to a method of treating or preventing a condition selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases (e.g., arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease), anxiety, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders such as emesis and colitis, psychosis, pain, allergies such as eczema and rhinitis, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina, migraine and Reynaud's disease, fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis, reflex sympathetic dystrophy such as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, AIDS related dementia, diabetic neuropathy and multiple sclerosis, disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatic diseases such as fibrositis in a mammal, including a human, comprising administering to said mammal an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site.

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The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a disorder in a mammal, including a human, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10 The present invention also relates to a method of treating or preventing a disorder in mammal, including a human, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising administering to said mammal 15 an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site.

The present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a disorder in a 20 mammal, including a human, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in treating or preventing such 25 disorder, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The present invention also relates to a method of treating or preventing a disorder in mammal, including a human, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated 30 neurotransmission, comprising administering to said mammal an amount of a compound of the formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in treating or preventing such disorder.

The compounds of the formula I have chiral centers and 35 therefore exist in different enantiomeric forms. This invention relates to all optical isomers and all

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stereoisomers of compounds of the formula I, and mixtures thereof.

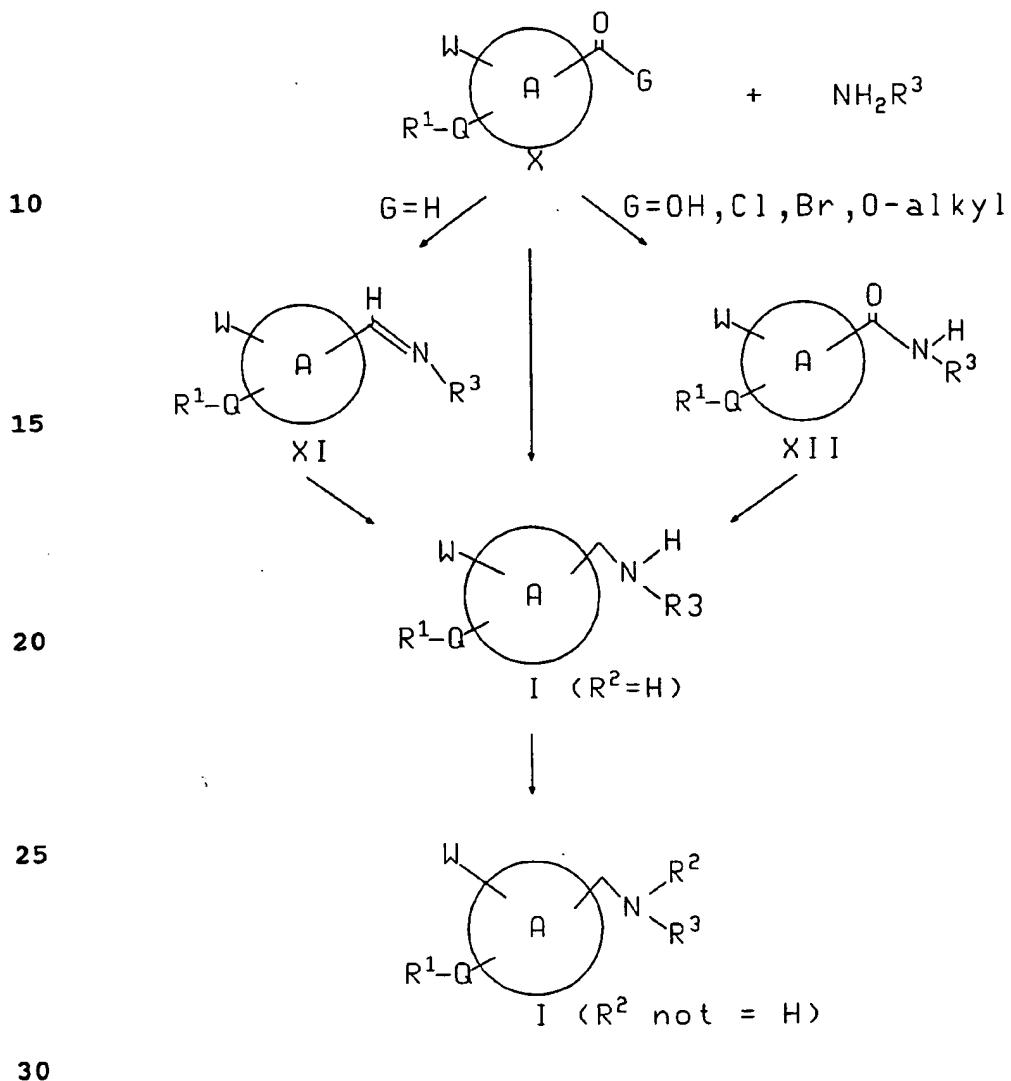
Detailed Description of the Invention

The compounds of the formula I may be prepared as  
5 described in the following reaction schemes and discussion.  
Unless otherwise indicated, ring A, P, Q, W, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>,  
R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, X, Z, Y,  
m, n, o, p, q, r, x, y, and z, and structural formulas I,  
10 II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII in the  
reaction schemes and discussion that follow are defined as  
above.

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Scheme 1

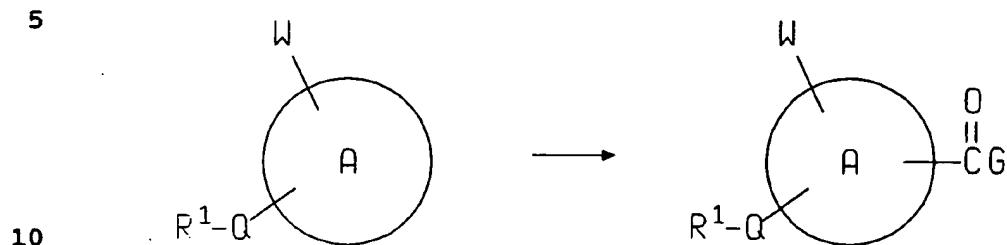
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Scheme 2

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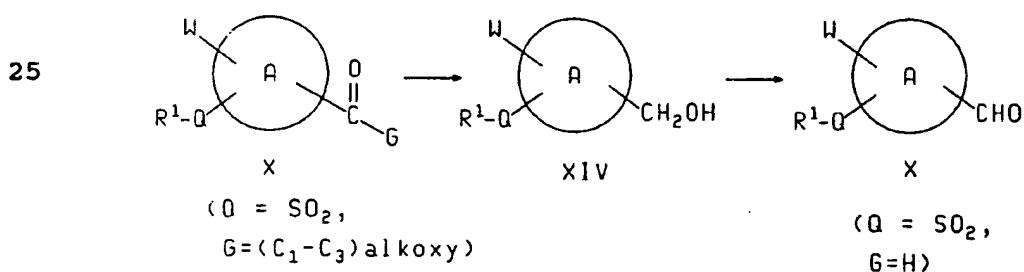
X III

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Scheme 3

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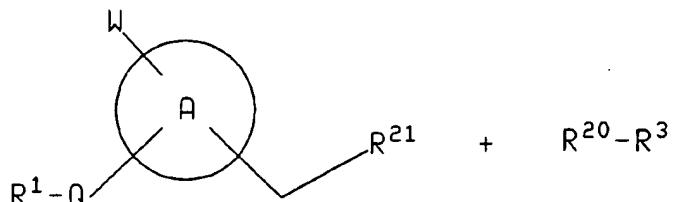
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Scheme 4

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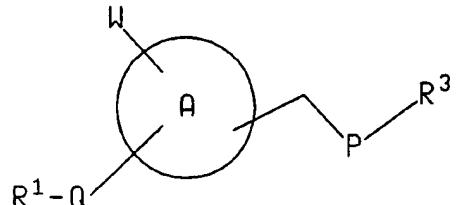
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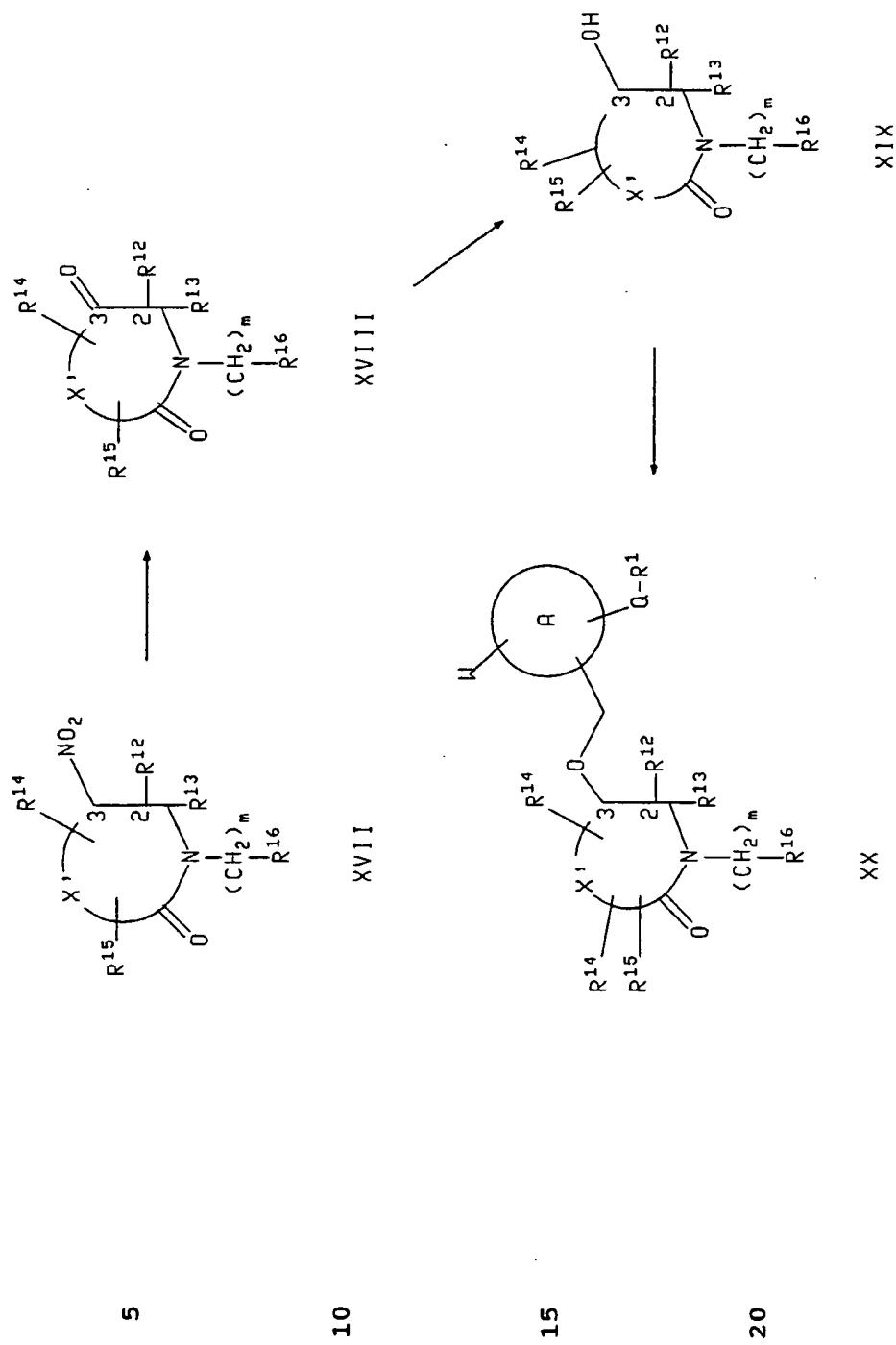


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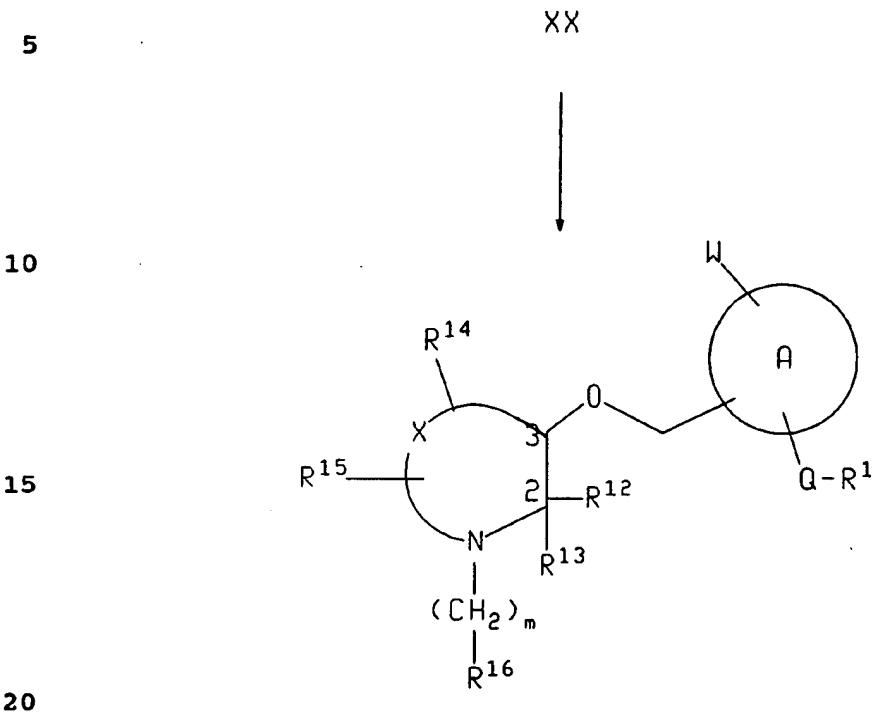
(P = oxygen or sulfur)

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Scheme 5

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Scheme 5  
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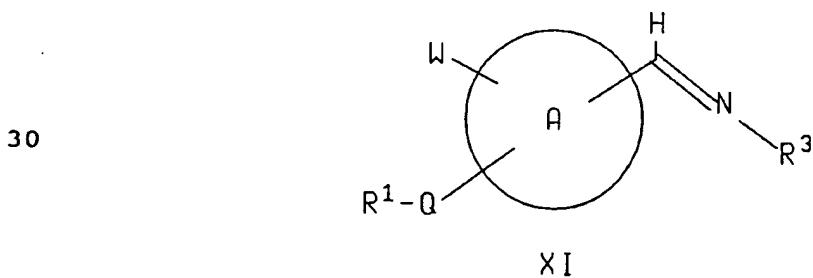
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 $(P=O, R^3=VII)$

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Scheme 1 illustrates the preparation of compounds of the formula I wherein P is NR<sup>2</sup> from starting materials of the formula X wherein G is hydrogen, hydroxy, chloro, bromo or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy.

Referring to scheme 1, a compound of the formula X wherein G is hydrogen may be converted directly into the corresponding compound of the formula I by reacting it with a compound of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> in the presence of a reducing agent. Reducing agents that may be used include sodium cyanoborohydride, sodium triacetoxyborohydride, sodium borohydride, hydrogen and a metal catalyst, zinc and hydrochloric acid, and formic acid. This reaction is typically conducted in a reaction inert solvent at a temperature from about 0°C to about 150°C. Suitable reaction inert solvents include lower alcohols (e.g., methanol, ethanol and isopropanol), 1,2-dichloroethane, acetic acid and tetrahydrofuran (THF). Preferably, the solvent is acetic acid, the temperature is about 25°C, the reducing agent is sodium triacetoxyborohydride, and the reaction is conducted in the presence of a dehydrating agent such as molecular sieves.

Alternatively, the reaction of a compound of the formula X with a compound of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be carried out in the presence of a dehydrating agent or using an apparatus designed to remove azeotropically the water generated, to produce an imine of the formula



which is then reacted with a reducing agent as described above, preferably with sodium triacetoxyborohydride in an acetic acid or 1,2-dichloroethane solvent at about room temperature. The preparation of the imine is generally

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carried out in a reaction inert solvent such as benzene, xylene or toluene, preferably toluene, at a temperature from about 25°C to about 110°C, preferably at about the reflux temperature of the solvent. Suitable dehydrating agents/solvent systems include titanium tetrachloride/dichloromethane titanium isopropoxide/dichloromethane and molecular sieves/THF. Titanium tetrachloride/dichloromethane is preferred.

Compounds of the formula X wherein G is hydroxy, chloro, bromo or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy may be converted into the corresponding compounds of formula XII having the desired R<sup>3</sup> group by reacting them with the appropriate compound of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> under conditions that will be obvious to those skilled in the art, and then reducing the resulting amides to yield the desired compounds having formula I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen. When G is hydroxy, the compound of formula X is reacted with NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> in the presence of an activating agent. Appropriate activating agents include carbonyldiimidazole, diethylphosphoryl cyanide and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

Carbonyldiimidazole is preferred. This reaction is generally conducted at a temperature from about 0°C to about 50°C, preferably at about 25°C, in an inert solvent such as chloroform, diethyl ether, THF or dimethylformamide (DMF).

When G is chloro or bromo, the reaction of the compound of formula X with the appropriate compound of formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> is typically carried out in the presence of an acid scavenger in an aprotic solvent at a temperature from about 0°C to about 100°C. Suitable acid scavengers include triethylamine (TEA), pyridine and inorganic salts such as sodium and potassium carbonate. Suitable solvents include methylene chloride (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), benzene, toluene and tetrahydrofuran (THF). Preferably, the reaction is conducted in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature using TEA as the acid scavenger.

When G is O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, the reaction of the compound of formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> is usually conducted in an aprotic solvent such as benzene, toluene, chlorobenzene or xylenes, at a

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temperature from about 25°C to about 100°C, preferably at about the reflux temperature of the solvent.

Reduction of the compound of formula XII so formed yields the corresponding compound of the formula I wherein 5 R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen. This is generally accomplished using a reducing agent such as lithium aluminum hydride, borane dimethylsulfide complex or diborane, in an aprotic solvent such as THF, dioxane or diethyl ether, at a temperature from about 0°C to about 70°C. Preferably, the reducing agent is 10 borane dimethylsulfide complex and the reaction is carried out at about room temperature in an ethereal solvent such as THF.

Compounds of the formula I wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen may be converted into the corresponding compounds wherein R<sup>2</sup> is 15 -CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl by reacting them with a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl halo carbonate such as methyl or ethyl chloroformate in the presence of an acid scavenger. Typically, this reaction is conducted in a polar solvent such as chloroform, methylene chloride, water or a water/acetone mixture, at a temperature 20 from about 0°C to about 100°C, preferably at about room temperature. Suitable acid scavengers include triethylamine, pyridine and potassium and sodium carbonate or bicarbonate.

When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula II, the starting 25 materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 566,338, filed July 20, 1990. This application is incorporated herein in its entirety.

When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III, the starting 30 materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 532,525, filed June 1, 1990 and PCT Patent Application PCT/US 91/02853, filed April 25, 1991. Both these applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

35 When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IV, V or VI, the starting materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described in United States Patent Application Serial No.

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557,442, filed July 23, 1990 and PCT Patent Application PCT/US 91/03369, filed May 14, 1991. Both these applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, the starting 5 materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described in United States Patent Application Serial No. 724,268, filed July 1, 1991, United States Patent Application Serial No. 800,667, filed November 27, 1991 and PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/00065, filed January 14, 1992. These 10 applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VIII, the starting materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described in PCT Patent Application PCT/US 91/05776, filed August 20, 1991, United States Patent Application Serial No. 800,667, 15 filed November 27, 1991 and PCT Patent Application PCT/US 92/00065, filed January 14, 1992. These applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

When R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX, the starting materials of the formula NH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup> may be prepared as described 20 in United States Patent Application Serial No. 719,884, filed June 21, 1991. This application is incorporated herein in its entirety.

Scheme 2 illustrates the preparation of the starting materials of formula X wherein G is hydrogen and Q is other 25 than SO<sub>2</sub>. Once formed, these compounds can be converted into the corresponding compounds of the formula I or XI according to the procedures described above.

Referring to scheme 2, a compound of the formula XIII wherein Q is other than SO<sub>2</sub> is reacted with titanium 30 tetrachloride (TiCl<sub>4</sub>) and dichloromethyl methyl ether (CHCl<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>3</sub>) at a temperature from about 0°C to about room temperature in a methylene chloride solvent to yield the corresponding aldehyde of formula X wherein G is hydrogen. Alternatively, the compound of the formula XIII may be 35 reacted with hexamethylene tetramine and trifluoroacetic acid at about 70°C to yield the same product.

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Those compounds of the formula X wherein Q is SO<sub>2</sub> may be obtained from their deoxygenated counterparts of the formula X wherein Q is -S- by reacting them with an oxidizing agent. For example, such oxidation may be carried out using 5 metachloroperbenzoic acid in methylene chloride at about room temperature. It may also be carried out using peroxyphthalic acid magnesium hydrate in aqueous ethanol at a temperature from about 70°C to about 100°C. The foregoing oxidation reactions can produce mixtures of the oxy and 10 dioxy products (-SO- and -SO<sub>2</sub>-) which can be separated by ordinary means.

Scheme 3 illustrates an alternate preparation of the starting materials of the formula X wherein G is hydrogen and Q is SO<sub>2</sub>. Referring to scheme 3, a compound of formula 15 X wherein Q is SO<sub>2</sub> and G is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy is reacted with a reducing agent in a reaction inert solvent, for example lithium borohydride (LiBH<sub>4</sub>) in tetrahydrofuran (THF). The reduction, which yields an alcohol of the formula XIV, is usually conducted at a temperature from about 0°C to about 20 100°C, preferably by heating the reaction mixture to the reflux temperature of the solvent. The alcohol of formula XIV may then be oxidized using methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, treatment of a solution of such alcohol in a solvent such as methylene chloride with an 25 oxidizing agent such as pyridinium dichromate at a temperature from about 0°C to about 50°C, preferably at room temperature, will yield the corresponding compounds of formula X wherein G is hydrogen and Q is SO<sub>2</sub>. Other oxidizing agents/solvent systems such as manganese dioxide/acetone and chromium trioxide/acetic anhydride/acetic acid are also capable of producing this 30 conversion.

Compounds of the formula I wherein P is O or S may be prepared as described below and illustrated in Scheme 4. 35 Referring to Scheme 4, a compound of the formula XV is reacted with a compound of the formula R<sup>20</sup>-R<sup>3</sup> in the presence of a base to form the corresponding compound of formula I.

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One of R<sup>20</sup> and R<sup>21</sup> is PH, wherein P is O or S, and the other is a suitable leaving group such as chlorine, bromine, iodine, mesylate or tosylate. This reaction is generally conducted in a reaction inert solvent, such as an ether (e.g., diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, dimethoxyethane, dioxane), dialkyl amide (e.g., dimethylformamide or dimethylacetamide) or dimethylsulfoxide, at a temperature range from about -5°C to about 100°C. The reaction may be performed at from one to about three atmospheres of pressure, although it is normally done at atmospheric pressure. Suitable bases include alkali metal amides or hydrides, such as sodium amide, potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide or potassium hydride, or alkali metal alkoxides such as sodium methoxide. Preferably, the reaction is carried out in dimethoxyethane in the presence of potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide at about 25°C.

Compounds of the formula XV wherein R<sup>21</sup> is a leaving group may be prepared using procedures familiar to those skilled in the art. For example, such a compound wherein R<sup>21</sup> is mesylate may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula XIV, as depicted in Scheme 3, with methanesulfonyl chloride in methylene chloride in the presence of triethylamine at about 0°C.

Compounds of the formula R<sup>20</sup>-R<sup>3</sup> wherein R<sup>20</sup> is OH may be prepared from the corresponding ketones via reduction, using any of a variety of reducing agents such as sodium borohydride in methanol or lithium aluminum hydride in a suitable inert solvent such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran. The corresponding cis and trans isomeric alcohols may be prepared using selective reducing agents to obtain the desired isomer, or by selective oxidation of the racemic alcohol followed by isolation of the desired isomer. Such procedures are described in European Patent Application EP 0 499 313 A1, which was published on August 19, 1992. The foregoing application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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The ketone intermediates used in the foregoing process may be prepared by methods known in the art from commercially available starting materials or by minor variations of such methods that will be obvious to those skilled in the art. Such ketone intermediates wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IV, V or VI may be prepared as described in World Patent Application WO 92/01688, which was published on February 6, 1992. This application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Such ketone intermediates wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula II, III or IX may be prepared as described in United States Patent 5,162,339, which issued on November 10, 1992. This patent is also incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Compounds of the formula R<sup>20</sup>-R<sup>3</sup> wherein R<sup>20</sup> is OH may also be prepared from the corresponding compounds of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}^3-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$$
. (The latter compounds may be prepared, for example, when R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII or VIII, as described by Desai *et al.* in J. Med. Chem., 35, 4911-4913 (1992) and in United States Patent 5,232,929, which issued on August 3, 1993. Both these references are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety).

First, the ring nitrogen of the compound of formula

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}^3-\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$$
 is blocked with a suitable protecting group, e.g., carbonylbenzyloxy (CBZ), as described in U.S. Patent 5,232,929. The resulting compound is then hydrolysed using 10% potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide in methanol/water, or 1M lithium hydroperoxide in tetrahydrofuran (THF)/water, at a temperature from about room temperature to about 100°C.

The above reaction produces a carboxylic acid of the formula R<sup>3</sup>COOH. The acid is then heated in benzene at about

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the reflux temperature in the presence of lead tetraacetate and cupric acetate, to produce a compound of the formula

10  $\text{R}^3-\text{O}-\overset{\text{O}}{||}-\text{CH}_3$ , according to the procedure described above for the

20 The protecting group (e.g., CBZ) can be removed at a later stage in the synthesis using methods described in the literature, e.g., hydrogenation in the presence of a palladium on carbon catalyst in ethanol or ethyl acetate at a pressure of from about one to three atmospheres and a  
25 temperature from about 25°C to about 50°C.

The foregoing method for preparing compounds of the formula  $R^{20}-R^3$  is preferred for such compounds wherein  $R^3$  is a group of the formula VII or VIII.

Compounds of the formula  $R^{20}-R^3$  wherein  $R^{20}$  is SH may be  
30 prepared from the corresponding compounds wherein  $R^{20}$  is OH  
by treating the latter with phosphorus pentasulfide or  
Lawesson's reagent [2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithia-2,4-  
diphosphetane-2,4-disulfide] in a suitable inert solvent  
such as pyridine, at a temperature between about room  
35 temperature and the 120°C.

Alternatively, alcohols of the formula HO-R<sup>3</sup> may be converted to the corresponding thiol esters, which may be subsequently converted to thiols of the formula R<sup>3</sup>SH according to the procedure of R. P. Volante, Tetrahedron Letters, 22 (33), 3119-3122 (1981).

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Compounds of the formula I wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII or VIII and P is oxygen may also be prepared by the procedure depicted in scheme 5 and described below. Referring to scheme 5, a compound of the formula XVII, 5 wherein X' is defined as X in formula I except that it has one less carbon atom in the (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> chain, is converted into the corresponding 3-oxo compound of formula XVIII. This can be accomplished, as exemplified in Example 11, by reacting the compound of formula XVIII with an alkali metal alkoxide 10 such as potassium tert-butoxide in an inert solvent such as dichloromethane/methanol at about room temperature, cooling the reaction mixture to about -78°C, treating the mixture with ozone for approximately one hour, and then bubbling nitrogen gas through the mixture to remove the excess ozone.

15 Reduction of the resulting compound of formula XVIII with sodium borohydride in methanol yields the corresponding hydroxy derivative of formula XIX. Appropriate reducing agents include potassium borohydride and sodium borohydride. The reaction is usually carried out in a methanol or ethanol 20 solvent at a temperature from about -5°C to about 100°C, preferably at about 25°C. Alternatively, the ketone of formula XVIII can be converted into the corresponding alcohol of formula XIX using an aluminum alkoxide, preferably aluminum isopropoxide, in an alcohol solvent, 25 preferably isopropanol, at a temperature from about 20°C to about 125°C, preferably at the boiling point of the solvent.

Compounds of the formula XX are then formed by reacting the corresponding compounds of the formula XIX with a compound of the formula XV, as depicted in scheme 4 and 30 wherein R<sup>21</sup> is a suitable leaving group such as chlorine, bromine, iodine, mesylate or tosylate. The reaction is carried out as described above for preparing compounds of the formula I wherein P is oxygen or sulfur from compounds of the formula XV.

35 Reduction of the oxo group of the resulting compounds of formula XX yields the corresponding compounds of formula I wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII or VIII. Examples

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of suitable reducing agents are lithium aluminum hydride, borane dimethylsulfide in THF, borane in THF and sodium borohydride-titanium (IV) chloride. Best results are obtained using borane dimethylsulfide in THF. The reaction 5 may be carried out at temperatures from about room temperature to about 150°C, and is preferably carried out at the reflux temperature of the solvent.

Compounds of the formula I where P is SO or SO<sub>2</sub>, may be prepared from the compounds of formula I where P is S by 10 methods well known to those skilled in the art using oxidizing reagents such as metachloroperbenzoic acid or potassium peroxyomonosulfate, as described in the literature.

The preparation of other compounds of the formula I not specifically described in the foregoing experimental section 15 can be accomplished using combinations of the reactions described above that will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

In each of the reactions discussed or illustrated in schemes 1 to 5 above, pressure is not critical unless 20 otherwise indicated. Pressures from about 0.5 atmospheres to about 5 atmospheres are generally acceptable, and ambient pressure, i.e. about 1 atmosphere, is preferred as a matter of convenience.

The novel compounds of the formula I and the 25 pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are useful as substance P antagonists, i.e., they possess the ability to antagonize the effects of substance P at its receptor site in mammals, and therefore they are able to function as therapeutic agents in the treatment of the aforementioned 30 disorders and diseases in an afflicted mammal.

The compounds of the formula I which are basic in nature are capable of forming a wide variety of different salts with various inorganic and organic acids. Although 35 such salts must be pharmaceutically acceptable for administration to animals, it is often desirable in practice to initially isolate a compound of the Formula I from the reaction mixture as a pharmaceutically unacceptable salt and

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then simply convert the latter back to the free base compound by treatment with an alkaline reagent and subsequently convert the latter free base to a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt. The acid  
5 addition salts of the base compounds of this invention are readily prepared by treating the base compound with a substantially equivalent amount of the chosen mineral or organic acid in an aqueous solvent medium or in a suitable organic solvent, such as methanol or ethanol. Upon careful  
10 evaporation of the solvent, the desired solid salt is readily obtained.

Those compounds of the formula I which are also acidic in nature, e.g., where R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>10</sup> is carboxyphenyl, are capable of forming base salts with various pharmacologically  
15 acceptable cations. Examples of such salts include the alkali metal or alkaline-earth metal salts and particularly, the sodium and potassium salts. These salts are all prepared by conventional techniques. The chemical bases which are used as reagents to prepare the pharmaceutically  
20 acceptable base salts of this invention are those which form non-toxic base salts with the acidic compounds of formula I. Such non-toxic base salts include those derived from such pharmacologically acceptable cations as sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium, etc. These salts can easily be  
25 prepared by treating the corresponding acidic compounds with an aqueous solution containing the desired pharmacologically acceptable cations, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness, preferably under reduced pressure. Alternatively, they may also be prepared by mixing lower  
30 alkanolic solutions of the acidic compounds and the desired alkali metal alkoxide together, and then evaporating the resulting solution to dryness in the same manner as before. In either case, stoichiometric quantities of reagents are  
35 preferably employed in order to ensure completeness of reaction and maximum yields of the desired final product.

The compounds of formula I and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts exhibit substance P receptor-binding

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activity and therefore are of value in the treatment and prevention of a wide variety of clinical conditions the treatment or prevention of which are effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission.

5 Such conditions include inflammatory diseases (e.g., arthritis, psoriasis, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease), anxiety, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders such as emesis and colitis, psychosis, pain, allergies such as  
10 eczema and rhinitis, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders such as poison ivy, vasospastic diseases such as angina, migraine and Reynaud's disease, fibrosing and collagen diseases such as scleroderma and eosinophilic fascioliasis, reflex sympathetic dystrophy such  
15 as shoulder/hand syndrome, addiction disorders such as alcoholism, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, AIDS related dementia, diabetic neuropathy and multiple sclerosis, disorders related to  
20 immune enhancement or suppression such as systemic lupus erythematosus, and rheumatic diseases such as fibrositis. Hence, these compounds are readily adapted to therapeutic use as substance P antagonists for the control and/or treatment of any of the aforesaid clinical conditions in  
25 mammals, including humans.

The compounds of the formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof can be administered via either the oral, parenteral or topical routes. In general, these compounds are most desirably administered in dosages ranging  
30 from about 5.0 mg up to about 1500 mg per day, although variations will necessarily occur depending upon the weight and condition of the subject being treated and the particular route of administration chosen. However, a dosage level that is in the range of about 0.07 mg to about  
35 21 mg per kg of body weight per day is most desirably employed. Variations may nevertheless occur depending upon the species of animal being treated and its individual

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response to said medicament, as well as on the type of pharmaceutical formulation chosen and the time period and interval at which such administration is carried out. In some instances, dosage levels below the lower limit of the 5 aforesaid range may be more than adequate, while in other cases still larger doses may be employed without causing any harmful side effect, provided that such larger doses are first divided into several small doses for administration throughout the day.

10 The compounds of the formula I and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts ("the therapeutic compounds") may be administered alone or in combination with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents by either of the three routes previously indicated, and such 15 administration may be carried out in single or multiple doses. More particularly, the novel therapeutic agents of this invention can be administered in a wide variety of different dosage forms, i.e., they may be combined with various pharmaceutically acceptable inert carriers in the 20 form of tablets, capsules, lozenges, troches, hard candies, powders, sprays, creams, salves, suppositories, jellies, gels, pastes, lotions, ointments, aqueous suspensions, injectable solutions, elixirs, syrups, and the like. Such carriers include solid diluents or fillers, sterile aqueous 25 media and various non-toxic organic solvents, etc. Moreover, oral pharmaceutical compositions can be suitably sweetened and/or flavored. In general, the therapeutically-effective compounds of this invention are present in such dosage forms at concentration levels ranging 30 from about 5.0% to about 70% by weight.

For oral administration, tablets containing various excipients such as microcrystalline cellulose, sodium citrate, calcium carbonate, dicalcium phosphate and glycine may be employed along with various disintegrants such as 35 starch (and preferably corn, potato or tapioca starch), alginic acid and certain complex silicates, together with granulation binders like polyvinylpyrrolidone, sucrose,

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gelatin and acacia. Additionally, lubricating agents such as magnesium stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate and talc are often very useful for tabletting purposes. Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as  
5 fillers in gelatin capsules; preferred materials in this connection also include lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols. When aqueous suspensions and/or elixirs are desired for oral administration, the active ingredient may be combined with  
10 various sweetening or flavoring agents, coloring matter or dyes, and, if so desired, emulsifying and/or suspending agents as well, together with such diluents as water, ethanol, propylene glycol, glycerin and various like combinations thereof.

15 For parenteral administration, solutions of a therapeutic compound of the present invention in either sesame or peanut oil or in aqueous propylene glycol may be employed. The aqueous solutions should be suitably buffered if necessary and the liquid diluent first rendered isotonic.  
20 These aqueous solutions are suitable for intravenous injection purposes. The oily solutions are suitable for intraarticular, intramuscular and subcutaneous injection purposes. The preparation of all these solutions under sterile conditions is readily accomplished by standard  
25 pharmaceutical techniques well known to those skilled in the art.

Additionally, it is also possible to administer the compounds of the present invention topically when treating inflammatory conditions of the skin and this may preferably  
30 be done by way of creams, jellies, gels, pastes, ointments and the like, in accordance with standard pharmaceutical practice.

The activity of the therapeutic compounds of the present invention as substance P receptor antagonists may be  
35 determined by their ability to inhibit the binding of substance P at its receptor sites in bovine caudate tissue, employing radioactive ligands to visualize the tachykinin

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receptors by means of autoradiography. The substance P antagonizing activity of the herein described compounds may be evaluated by using the standard assay procedure described by M. A. Cascieri et al., as reported in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol. 258, p. 5158 (1983). This method essentially involves determining the concentration of the individual compound required to reduce by 50% the amount of radiolabelled substance P ligands at their receptor sites in said isolated cow tissues, thereby affording characteristic 10 IC<sub>50</sub> values for each compound tested.

In this procedure, bovine caudate tissue is removed from a -70°C freezer and homogenized in 50 volumes (w./v.) of an ice-cold 50 mM Tris (i.e., trimethamine which is 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propanediol) hydrochloride 15 buffer having a pH of 7.7. The homogenate is centrifuged at 30,000 x G for a period of 20 minutes. The pellet is resuspended in 50 volumes of Tris buffer, rehomogenized and then recentrifuged at 30,000 x G for another twenty- minute period. The pellet is then resuspended in 40 volumes of 20 ice-cold 50 mM Tris buffer (pH 7.7) containing 2 mM of calcium chloride, 2 mM of magnesium chloride, 4 µg/ml of bacitracin, 4µg/ml of leupeptin, 2µg of chymostatin and 200 g/ml of bovine serum albumin. This step completes the production of the tissue preparation.

25 The radioligand binding procedure is then carried out in the following manner, viz., by initiating the reaction via the addition of 100 µl of the test compound made up to a concentration of 1 µM, followed by the addition of 100 µl of radioactive ligand made up to a final 30 concentration 0.5 mM and then finally by the addition of 800 µl of the tissue preparation produced as described above. The final volume is thus 1.0 ml, and the reaction mixture is next vortexed and incubated at room temperature (ca. 20°C) for a period of 20 minutes. The tubes are then filtered 35 using a cell harvester, and the glass fiber filters (Whatman GF/B) are washed four times with 50 mM of Tris buffer (pH 7.7), with the filters having previously been presoaked for

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a period of two hours prior to the filtering procedure. Radioactivity is then determined in a Beta counter at 53% counting efficiency, and the IC<sub>50</sub> values are calculated by using standard statistical methods.

5       The ability of the therapeutic compounds of this invention to inhibit substance P induced effects in vivo may be determined by the following procedures "a" through "d". (Procedures "a" through "c" are described in Nagahisa et al., European Journal of Pharmacology, 217, 191-5 (1992),  
10 which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.)

      a. Plasma extravasation in the skin

Plasma extravasation is induced by intradermal administration of substance P (50 µl, 0.01% BSA-saline solution) in dorsal skin of pentobarbital (25 mg/kg i.p.)  
15 anesthetized male Hartley guinea pigs weighing 450-500 g. The compound to be tested is dissolved in 0.1% methyl cellulose-water (MC) and dosed p.o. 1 hour before substance P challenge (3 pmol/site). Evans blue dye (30 mg/kg) is administered intravenously 5 minutes before challenge.  
20 After 10 minutes, the animals are sacrificed, the dorsal skin is removed, and the blue spots are punched out using a cork borer (11.5 mm oral dose (o.d.)). Tissue dye content is quantitated after overnight formamide extraction at 600 nm absorbance.

25       b. Capsaicin-induced plasma extravasation

Plasma extravasation is induced by intraperitoneal injection of capsaicin (10 ml of 30 µM solution in 0.1% BSA/saline) into pentobarbital anesthetized (25 mg/kg i.p.) guinea pigs. The compound to be tested is dissolved in 0.1%  
30 MC and dosed p.o. 1 hour before capsaicin challenge. Evans blue dye (30 mg/kg) is administered i.v. 5 minutes before challenge. After 10 minutes, the animals are sacrificed, and both right and left ureters are removed. Tissue dye content is quantitated as in "a" above.

35       c. Acetic acid-induced abdominal stretching

Male ddY mice (SLC, Japan), weighing 14-18 g, were fasted overnight. The compound to be tested is dissolved in

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0.1% MC and dosed p.o. 0.5 hour before acetic acid (AA) injection (0.7%, 0.16 ml/10 g body weight). The animals are placed in clear beakers (1 per beaker) and the stretching response is counted 10 to 20 minutes after the AA injection  
5 (10 minute interval).

d. Substance P-induced hyperlocomotor paradigm

The anti-psychotic activity of the therapeutic compounds of the present invention as neuroleptic agents for the control of various psychotic disorders may be determined  
10 by a study of their ability to suppress substance P-induced or substance P agonist induced hypermotility in guinea pigs. This study is carried out by first dosing the guinea pigs with a control compound or with an appropriate test compound of the present invention, then injecting the guinea pigs  
15 with substance P or a substance P agonist by intracerebral administration via canula and thereafter measuring their individual locomotor response to said stimulus.

The present invention is illustrated by the following examples. It will be understood, however, that the invention  
20 is not limited to the specific details of these examples.

PREPARATION 1

2-Methoxy-5-[N-methyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazole-sulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

A. N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N,2,4-trimethylthiazole-5-sulfonamide

Under nitrogen in a flame-dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a dropping funnel, stir bar and condensor, was added N-methyl-p-anisidine (1.0 grams, 7.29 mmol) in 30 mL of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF). To this was added  
30 triethylamine (1.01 mL, 7.29 mmol) and the flask was cooled to 0°C with an ice bath. Next, 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl chloride (1.54 grams, 7.29 mmol, Maybridge Chem. Co.) in 20 mL of THF was added dropwise and the reaction allowed to stir at 25°C overnight. The reaction  
35 was quenched by pouring it slowly into 200 mL of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracting the crude product with dichloromethane ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). After drying the organic

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extracts over magnesium sulfate ( $MgSO_4$ ), the solvent was removed in vacuo to a dark brown oil. Chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexanes:ethyl acetate (EtOAc) (4:1), gave 380 mg of pale brown oil.

5 Mass spectrum (%): m/e 312 (12, M+), 136 (100).

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  2.2 (s, 3H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 3.3 (s, 3H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 6.8 (m, 2H), 7.1 (m, 2H).

B. 2-Methoxy-5-[N-methyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

10 To a flame-dried round-bottomed flask with a nitrogen inlet and stir bar was added the preceding intermediate from step "A" (0.20 g, 0.7 mmol) and 20 mL of anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$ . After cooling to 0°C, titanium chloride (0.33 mL, 3 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred at 0°C for 15 30 min. Dichloromethyl methyl ether (0.14 mL, 1.56 mmol) was then added via syringe and the reaction stirred at 0°C for another 3 hours, then at room temperature for a further 18 hours, at which time thin-layer chromatography (tlc) showed no starting material remaining. The reaction was 20 quenched by pouring it into 200 mL of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate ( $NaHCO_3$ ), stirring for 30 min and extracting with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The extracts were dried ( $MgSO_4$ ) and concentrated in vacuo to an oil. Chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexanes:EtOAc (3:2) gave the title product 25 as a yellow oil, 70 mg (29%).

Mass spectrum (%) m/e 340 (10, M+), 164 (100).

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  2.1 (s, 3H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 3.1 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.5 (m, 1H), 7.6 (m, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

30 The following intermediate aldehydes of the general formula X were prepared by a procedure similar to that described in Preparation 1.

PREPARATION 2

2-Methoxy-5-[N-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-N-methanesulfonyl]amino]benzaldehyde

Waxy solid, 39% yield.

MS: m/e 340 (M+, 20%), 261 (65%).

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.3 (d, 6H), 3.4 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.7 (q, 1H), 10.5 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 3

5 2-Methoxy-5-[N-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-N-methyl]aminobenzaldehyde

Oil, 7% yield.

MS: m/e 277 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 20%), 276 (100%), 126 (30).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.1 (d, 6H), 3.4 (s, 3H), 4.0 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.6 (q, 1H), 7.8 (d, 1H), 10.5 (s, 1H).

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PREPARATION 4

2-Methoxy-5-[N-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)amino]benzaldehyde

Mp 137-139°C, 20% yield.

MS: m/e 262 (M+, 100%).

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.6 (dd, 1H), 7.7 (dd, 1H), 10.5 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 5

2-Isopropoxy-5-[N-methyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

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Oil, 34% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.4 (d, 6H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.6 (s, 3H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H), 7.45 (d, 1H), 7.55 (dd, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 6

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2-Isopropoxy-5-[N-isobutyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

Oil, 54% yield.

MS: m/e 411 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 412 (M<sup>+2</sup>, 30), 236.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.9 (d, 6H), 1.45 (d, 6H), 1.6 (m, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 3.4 (d, 2H), 4.7 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.5 (m, 2H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 7

2-Methoxy-5-[N-isobutyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

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Oil, 96% yield.

MS: m/e 383 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 384 (M<sup>+2</sup>, 30), 208.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.0 (d, 6H), 1.6 (m, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.6 (s, 3H), 3.4 (d, 2H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.5 (m, 2H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 8

5       2-Methoxy-5-[N-isopropyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

Oil, 48% yield.

MS: m/e 369 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 194 (30).

10      <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.1 (d, 6H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 4.5 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.5 (d, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

PREPARATION 9

2-Isopropoxy-5-[N-isopropyl-N-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolesulfonyl)amino]benzaldehyde

15      Oil, 52% yield.

MS: m/e 397 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 398 (M<sup>+2</sup>, 30), 222 (45).

19      <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.1 (d, 6H), 1.4 (d, 6H), 1.4 (d, 6H), 2.4 (m, 3H), 2.6 (m, 3H), 4.5 (m, 1H), 4.7 (m, 1H), 7.0 (d, 1H), 7.4 (q, 1H), 7.5 (d, 1H), 10.4 (s, 1H).

20       PREPARATION 10

2-Trifluoromethoxy-5-[N-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-N-methanesulfonyl]amino]benzaldehyde

Oil.

24      <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.3 (s, 3H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 3.4 (s, 3H), 7.4 (d, 1H), 7.6 (d, 1H), 7.8 (dd, 1H), 10.3 (s, 1H).

EXAMPLE 1

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methylamide dihydrochloride hemihydrate

29      To a flame-dried round-bottomed flask fitted with a Dean-Stark trap, condensor, nitrogen inlet and a stir bar, the title compound of Preparation 1 (70 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 5 mL of anhydrous toluene was added to (+)-(2S,3S)-3-amino-2-phenylpiperidine (36 mg, 0.21 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for approximately 3 hours, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in 5 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane. Sodium triacetoxyborohydride (62 mg, 0.29

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mmol) was added and the reaction stirred at 25°C overnight. The solvent was next removed in vacuo, the residue was treated with 10 mL of water and extracted 4 x 20 mL with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic extracts were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and 5 concentrated in vacuo to a yellow oil. Chromatography on silica gel eluting with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: CH<sub>3</sub>OH: concentrated NH<sub>4</sub>OH (97:2:1) gave the free base as a clear oil, 37 mg. This was converted to the hydrochloride salt in the usual manner (dissolved the free base in ethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) and treated 10 with hydrogen chloride gas, concentrated in vacuo, and recrystallized the crude salt from CH<sub>3</sub>OH:Et<sub>2</sub>O) to give a white salt, 31 mg (24%), m.p. 260-264°C.

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S•2HCl•1/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.54; H, 6.06; N, 9.62. Found: C, 51.31; H, 5.79; N, 9.76.

15         <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.3-2.0 (m, 5H), 2.05 (d, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.25 (d, 1H), 3.35 (d, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.6 (d, 1H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 6.55 (d, 1H), 6.8 (d, 1H), 6.95 (dd, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H).

20         The title compounds of Examples 2-10 were prepared by a procedure similar to that of Example 1.

EXAMPLE 2

N-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-N-[4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methanesulfonamide

25         dihydrochloride hemihydrate

40% yield, mp 247-249°C.

MS: m/e 501 (M<sup>+1</sup>), 421, 381, 247 (100%).

16         <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.4 (d, 1H), 1.6 (t, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 2.15 (d, 1H), 2.3 (m, 6H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 3.25 (d, 1H), 3.35 (d+s, 4H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.7 (d, 1H), 3.9 (d, 1H), 6.7 (d, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 7.25 (m, 6H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl•1/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.54; H, 6.06; N, 9.62. Found: C, 51.87; H, 5.81; N, 9.55.

EXAMPLE 3

35         {5-[(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)methylamino]-2-methoxybenzyl}-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl)amine trihydrochloride hydrate

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26% yield, mp 220-225°C.

MS: m/e 436 (M+, 16%), 317 (45%), 262 (100%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base), δ 1.5 (m, 1H), 1.6 (m, 1H), 1.9 (m, 1H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.2 (m, 1H), 3.3 (s, 3H), 3.4 (d, 1H), 3.5 (s, 3H), 3.6 (d, 1H), 3.9 (d, 1H), 6.4 (d, 1H), 6.9 (d, 1H), 7.1 (q, 1H), 7.4 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS•3HCl•3/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 52.40; H, 6.68; N, 9.78. Found: C, 52.12; H, 6.64; N, 9.55.

#### EXAMPLE 4

10       {5-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-ylamino)-2-methoxybenzyl}-  
(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamine trihydrochloride

28% yield, mp 272-275°C.

MS: m/e 422 (M+, 40%), 303 (54%), 248 (100%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.35-2.15 (m, 7H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.28 (d, 1H), 3.4 (d, 1H), 3.5 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, 1H), 3.9 (d, 1H), 6.65 (d, 1H), 6.75 (d, 1H), 7.15 (dd, 1H), 7.3 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS•3HCl: C, 54.19; H, 6.25; N, 10.53. Found: C, 53.91; H, 6.39; N, 10.27.

20       EXAMPLE 5

4,5-Dimethylthiazole-2-sulfonic acid methyl-[3-  
(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl]-4-  
trifluoromethoxyphenyl]-amide trihydrochloride hydrate

12% yield, mp 239-240°C (dec.).

25       MS: m/e 555 (M<sup>+1</sup>), 380.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.5 (m, 1H), 1.7 (m, 1H), 1.9 (m, 4H), 2.1 (m, 1H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.2 (s, 3H), 3.3 (m, 1H), 3.5 (q, 2H), 3.9 (d, 1H), 7.0 (m, 3H), 7.2 (m, 5H).

30       Anal. calc'd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•3HCl•H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 44.09; H, 4.88; N, 8.23. Found: C, 44.36; H, 4.95; N, 8.51.

#### EXAMPLE 6

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-  
(2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl]phenyl-  
methylamide dihydrochloride

10% yield, mp 227-230°C.

MS: m/e 529 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 354.

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.05 (dd, 6H), 1.35-2.10 (m, 6H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 3.30 (d, 1H), 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 4.30 (m, 1H), 6.65 (d, 1H), 6.83 (d, 1H), 6.95 (dd, 1H), 7.3 (m, 5H).

5       Anal. calc'd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl: C, 53.90; H, 6.37; N, 9.31. Found: C, 54.55; H, 6.29; N, 9.33.

EXAMPLE 7

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]isopropylamide dihydrochloride

24% yield, mp 250-254°C.

MS: m/e 557 (M<sup>+1</sup>, 100), 398, 382 (100).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.0-1.15 (m, 12H), 1.4 (d, 1H), 1.5-1.95 (m, 4H), 2.05 (d, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.55 (d, 1H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 4.6 (m, 1H), 6.6 (d, 1H), 6.8 (d, 1H), 6.85 (dd, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl: C, 55.31; H, 6.72; N, 8.90. Found: C, 55.55; H, 6.51; N, 8.64.

20       EXAMPLE 8

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]isopropylamide dihydrochloride

15% yield, mp 240-242°C.

25       MS: m/e 530 (M<sup>+2</sup>, 100), 371, 355 (100).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base) δ 1.05 (d, 6H), 1.4 (d, 1H), 1.55-1.95 (m, 4H), 2.05 (d, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.80 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m+d, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.65 (d, 1H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 4.6 (m, 1H), 6.6 (d, 1H), 6.8 (d, 1H), 6.9 (dd, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl: C, 53.90; H, 6.37; N, 8.32. Found: C, 53.73; H, 6.30; N, 8.44.

EXAMPLE 9

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]isobutylamide dihydrochloride hydrate

16% yield, mp 225-230°C.

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MS: m/e 544 ( $M^{+2}$ , 70), 385, 369 (100).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base)  $\delta$  0.9 (d, 6H), 1.4 (d, 1H), 1.5-1.95 (m, 6H), 2.05 (d, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 1H), 3.25 (m, 3H), 3.35 (d, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.6 5 (d, 1H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 6.6 (d, 1H), 6.8 (d, 1H), 6.9 (dd, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl•H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.07; H, 6.68; N, 8.84. Found: C, 52.88; H, 6.38; N, 8.85.

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EXAMPLE 10

2,4-Dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]isobutylamide dihydrochloride

15 5% yield, mp 150-160°C.

MS: m/e 572 ( $M^{+2}$ , 100), 570 (M+), 397.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, free base)  $\delta$  0.9 (d, 6H), 1.02 (d, 3H), 1.12 (d, 3H), 1.35-2.10 (m+s, 8H), 2.7 (s, 3H), 2.8 (m, 2H), 3.2-3.55 (m+d, 5H), 3.85 (d, 1H), 4.3 (m, 1H), 6.6 (d, 1H), 20 6.8 (d, 1H), 6.9 (dd, 1H), 7.25 (m, 5H).

Anal. calc'd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>•2HCl•Et<sub>2</sub>O: C, 57.05; H, 7.32; N, 7.83. Found: C, 57.41; H, 6.89; N, 8.25.

EXAMPLE 11

6-Phenylpiperidine-2,5-dione

25 To a stirred solution of 5-nitro-2-oxo-6-phenylpiperidine (20 g, 90.8 mmol) in 320 mL of dichloromethane and 320 mL of methanol, potassium tert-butoxide (10.19 g, 90.8 mmol) was added in portions over one minute. After stirring for 15 minutes at 25 °C, the 30 solution was cooled to -78°C and treated with ozone for approximately one hour to produce a blue solution. The solution was then treated with nitrogen gas for 15 minutes to remove excess ozone. Dimethylsulfide (12 mL, 163 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm to room 35 temperature. Removal of the solvent in vacuo provided a yellow residue which was filtered, washed with

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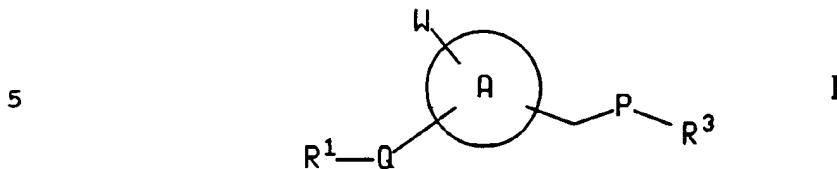
dichloromethane and diethyl ether and dried to a white solid, 12.1 g (70%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.6-2.8 (m, 4H), 5.0 (s, 1H), 6.7 (bs, 1H), 7.4 (s, 5H).

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CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula



wherein ring A is an aryl group selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thiienyl, dihydroquinolinyl and indolinyl, and  
 10 wherein the  $-\text{CH}_2\text{PR}^3$  sidechain is attached to a carbon atom of ring A;

$\text{P}$  is  $\text{NR}^2$ , O, S,  $\text{SO}$  or  $\text{SO}_2$ ;

15  $\text{Q}$  is  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}$ ,  $-\text{N}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$  or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl-N-SO}_2-$

wherein the point of attachment of said  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl-N-SO}_2$  to ring A is the nitrogen atom and the point of attachment to  
 20  $\text{R}^1$  is the sulfur atom;

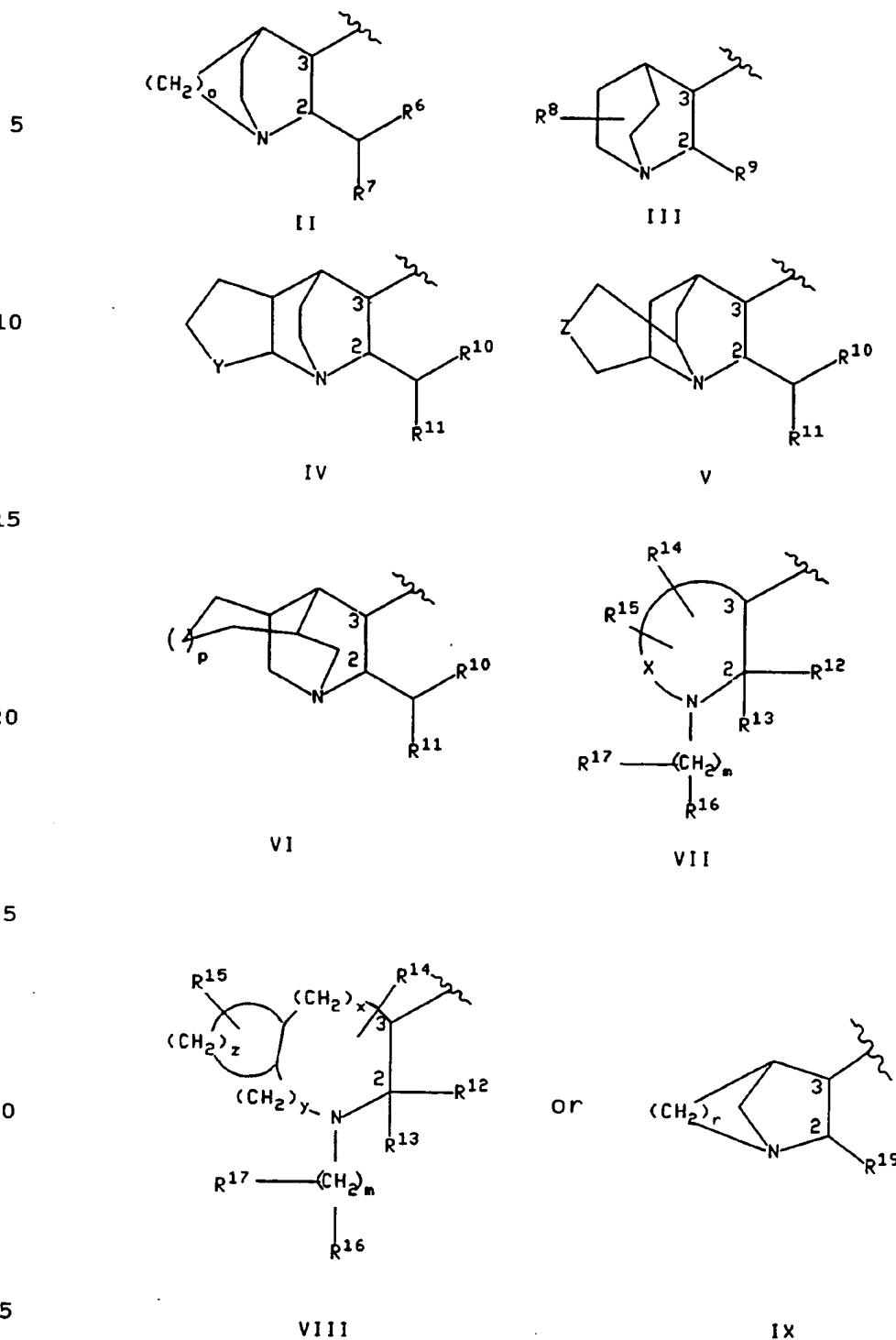
$\text{W}$  is hydrogen,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,  $\text{S-(C}_1\text{-C}_3)\text{alkyl}$ , halo or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkoxy}$  optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

$\text{R}^1$  is a four to six membered heterocyclic ring  
 25 containing from one to three heteroatoms selected from sulfur, nitrogen and oxygen (e.g., thiazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiienyl, triazolyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl or imidazolyl), wherein said heterocyclic ring may optionally be substituted with from one to three substituents,  
 30 preferably with from zero to two substituents, independently selected from phenyl,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$  optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkoxy}$  optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and halo;

35  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen or  $-\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10})\text{alkyl}$ ;

$\text{R}^3$  is selected from

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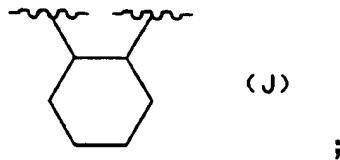
wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are independently selected from furyl, thienyl, pyridyl, indolyl, biphenyl and phenyl, wherein said phenyl may optionally be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkyl  
 5 optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, carboxy, benzyloxycarbonyl and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy-carbonyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) branched alkyl, (C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) branched alkenyl, (C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl, and the radicals named in the definition of R<sup>6</sup>;

10 R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are independently selected from phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, benzhydryl, thienyl or furyl,  
 15 and R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> may optionally be substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

20 Y is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>l</sub>, wherein l is an integer from one to three, or Y is a group of the formula



Z is oxygen, sulfur, amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkylamino or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> wherein n is zero, one or two;

x is zero, one or two;

30 y is zero, one or two;

z is three, four or five;

o is two or three,

p is zero or one;

r is one, two or three;

35 the ring containing (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub> may contain from zero to three double bonds, and one of the carbon atoms of (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub> may optionally be replaced by oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen;

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R<sup>11</sup> is thienyl, biphenyl or phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkoxy 5 optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms;

X is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>, wherein q is an integer from 1 to 6, and wherein any one of the carbon-carbon single bonds in said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be replaced by a carbon-carbon double 10 bond, and wherein any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be substituted with R<sup>14</sup>, and wherein any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub> may optionally be substituted with R<sup>15</sup>;

m is an integer from 0 to 8, and any one of the 15 carbon-carbon single bonds of (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>, wherein both carbon atoms of such bond are bonded to each other and to another carbon atom of the (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> chain, may optionally be replaced by a carbon-carbon double bond or a carbon-carbon triple bond, and any one of the carbon atoms of said (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub> may 20 optionally be substituted with R<sup>17</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup> is a radical selected from hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) straight or branched alkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl wherein one of the carbon atoms may optionally be replaced by nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur; aryl selected from biphenyl, phenyl, indanyl and 25 naphthyl; heteroaryl selected from thienyl, furyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and quinolyl; phenyl-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, benzhydryl and benzyl, wherein the point of attachment on R<sup>12</sup> is a carbon atom unless R<sup>12</sup> is hydrogen, and wherein each of said aryl 30 and heteroaryl groups and the phenyl moieties of said benzyl, phenyl-(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl and benzhydryl may optionally be substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from halo, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) alkyl optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>) 35 alkoxy optionally substituted with from one to three fluorine atoms, amino, hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl,

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(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylamino,

$$(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{C}}-, \quad (C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{||}{C}}-(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl},$$

$$(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-C(=O)-O-, \quad (C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-C(=O)-(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-,$$

15 di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, -CNH-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl.

20  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl-C(=O)-NH-( $C_1-C_6$ )alkyl, -NHCH $_2$  and -NHC(=O)-( $C_1-C_6$ )alkyl; and wherein one of the phenyl moieties of said benzhydryl may optionally be replaced by naphthyl, thienyl, furyl or pyridyl;

R<sup>13</sup> is hydrogen, phenyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;  
25 or R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup>, together with the carbon to which they  
are attached, form a saturated carbocyclic ring having from  
3 to 7 carbon atoms wherein one of said carbon atoms that is  
neither the point of attachment of the spiro ring nor  
adjacent to such point of attachment may optionally be  
30 replaced by oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur:

$R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, amino, oxo ( $=O$ ), cyano, hydroxy- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino.

35 di- $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylamino,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $-C(=O)-OH$ ,

40  $(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-C=O$ ,  $(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}-O-C-(C_1-C_6)\text{alkyl}$ ,

45  $\text{O}$   $\text{O}$   
 $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{O}-$ ,  $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{O}-$ .

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$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ (\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}- \end{array}$ 
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ (\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}-\text{C}-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl}- \end{array}$ , and the radicals  
 5 set forth in the definition of R<sup>12</sup>;

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}^{16} \text{ is } \text{NHCR}^{18}, \text{ NHCH}_2\text{R}^{18}, \text{ SO}_2\text{R}^{18}, \text{ CO}_2\text{H or one of the} \\ \text{10 radicals set forth in any of the definitions of R}^{12}, \text{ R}^{14} \text{ and} \\ \text{R}^{15}; \end{array}$

R<sup>17</sup> is oximino (=NOH) or one of the radicals set forth  
 in any of the definitions of R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup>; and

R<sup>18</sup> is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, hydrogen, phenyl or phenyl (C<sub>1</sub>-  
 15 C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl;

with the proviso that (a) when m is 0, one of R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup>  
 is absent and the other is hydrogen, (b) when R<sup>3</sup> is a group  
 of the formula VIII, R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> cannot be attached to the  
 same carbon atom, (c) when R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are attached to the  
 20 same carbon atom, then either each of R<sup>14</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> is  
 independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl,  
 hydroxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, or R<sup>14</sup> and  
 R<sup>15</sup>, together with the carbon to which they are attached,  
 form a (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) saturated carbocyclic ring that forms a spiro  
 25 compound with the nitrogen-containing ring to which they are  
 attached; (d) when R<sup>1</sup> is amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-  
 C<sub>6</sub>)

$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{30 C}_6\text{)alkylamino or NHC}(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_6)\text{alkyl, R}^3 \text{ is a group of the formula} \\ \text{II, III, IV, V or VI, and (e) when R}^{14} \text{ or R}^{15} \text{ is attached to} \\ \text{a carbon atom of X or (CH}_2\text{), that is adjacent to the ring} \\ \text{nitrogen, then R}^{14} \text{ or R}^{15}, \text{ respectively, must be a substituent} \\ \text{wherein the point of attachment is a carbon atom;} \end{array}$

35 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of such compound.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein the  
 substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen  
 containing ring of R<sup>3</sup> are in the "cis" configuration.

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3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula II, III, VII or IX; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen; ring A is phenyl; W is (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>)alkoxy optionally substituted with  
5 from one to five fluorine atoms; Q is -N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl and R<sup>1</sup> is 5-thiazolyl.

4. A compound according to claim 2 wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III and R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero and X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX, r is two and R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl.

5. A compound according to claim 3 wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III and R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero and X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX, r is two and R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl.

6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl and ring A is phenyl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII wherein R<sup>12</sup> and the substituent at position "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, ring A is phenyl, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, W is methoxy, trifluoromethoxy or isopropoxy, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-,  
Q is CH<sub>3</sub>-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- or [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH]-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolyl; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl, r is two and ring A is phenyl.

7. A compound according to claim 2 wherein: (a) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula III wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>9</sup> is benzhydryl and ring A is phenyl; (b) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII wherein R<sup>12</sup> and the substituent at position "3" of the nitrogen containing ring

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are in the cis configuration, ring A is phenyl, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, W is methoxy, trifluoromethoxy or isopropoxy, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-,

5 Q is CH<sub>3</sub>-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- or [CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolyl; or (c) R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula IX wherein the substituents at positions "2" and "3" of the nitrogen containing ring are in the cis configuration, R<sup>19</sup> is benzhydryl, r is two and ring A is phenyl.

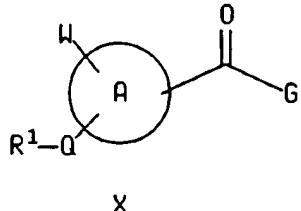
10 8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-, ring A is phenyl, W is selected from OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>, isopropoxy, OCHF<sub>2</sub>

15 and OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, Q is CH<sub>3</sub>-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazolyl.

9. A compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a group of the formula VII, R<sup>12</sup> is phenyl, each of R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> 20 and R<sup>16</sup> is hydrogen, m is zero, X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-, ring A is phenyl, W is selected from OCF<sub>3</sub>, OCH<sub>3</sub>, isopropoxy, OCHF<sub>2</sub>

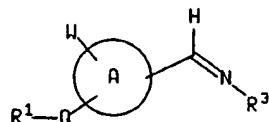
and OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, Q is CH<sub>3</sub>-N-SO<sub>2</sub>- and R<sup>1</sup> is 2,4-dimethyl-5-25 thiazolyl.

10. A compound of the formula



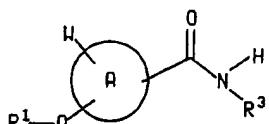
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or

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15 wherein R<sup>1</sup>, Q, W, ring A and R<sup>3</sup> are defined as in claim 1 and G is hydrogen.

11. A compound according to claim 1 that is selected from:

2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methylamide;

N-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-N-[4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl-aminomethyl)phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

{5-[(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)methylamino]-2-methoxybenzyl}-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-yl)amine;

{5-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-ylamino)-2-methoxybenzyl}-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylamine;

4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-sulfonic acid methyl-[3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)-4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl]-amide;

2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-methylamide;

2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isopropylamide;

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2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isopropylamide;

5 2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-methoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isobutylamide; and

2,4-dimethylthiazole-5-sulfonic acid [4-isopropoxy-3-((2S,3S)-2-phenylpiperidin-3-ylaminomethyl)phenyl]-isobutylamide.

10 12. A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a condition selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases, anxiety, colitis, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders, psychosis, pain, allergies, chronic obstructive 15 airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders, vasospastic diseases, fibrosing and collagen diseases, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, addiction disorders, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders, disorders related to immune 20 enhancement or suppression and rheumatic diseases in a mammal, comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in preventing or treating such condition and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. A method of treating or preventing a condition 25 selected from the group consisting of inflammatory diseases anxiety, colitis, depression or dysthymic disorders, urinary incontinence, gastrointestinal disorders, psychosis, pain, allergies, chronic obstructive airways disease, hypersensitivity disorders, vasospastic diseases, fibrosing 30 and collagen diseases, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, addiction disorders, stress related somatic disorders, peripheral neuropathy, neuralgia, neuropathological disorders, disorders related to immune enhancement or suppression and rheumatic diseases in a mammal, comprising 35 administering to a mammal in need of such treatment or prevention an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in preventing or treating such condition.

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14. A pharmaceutical composition for antagonizing the effects of substance P in a mammal, comprising a substance P antagonizing effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

5 15. A method of antagonizing the effects of substance P in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal a substance P antagonizing effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

10 16. A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a condition in a mammal, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1 effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site  
15 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

17. A method of treating or preventing a condition in a mammal, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment or prevention an amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in antagonizing the effect of substance P at its receptor site.

18. A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing a condition in a mammal, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising an amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, effective in treating or preventing such condition and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19. A method of treating or preventing a condition in mammal, the treatment or prevention of which is effected or facilitated by a decrease in substance P mediated neurotransmission, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment or prevention an amount of a compound

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according to claim 1 effective in treating or preventing such condition.

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<b>A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER</b>				
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 13, 15, 17 and 19 are directed to a method of treatment of the human body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds.
2.  Claims Nos.: 1-10, 12-19 (searched incompletely)  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:  
The definition of the constituents is too general and is only partly supported by the examples given in the descriptive part of the application. Guided by the spirit of the application the search was carried out on the basis of the examples (CF ART. 6 Guidelines Exam. Part B Chapt. III, 3.6, 3.7)
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

 The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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